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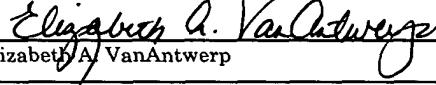
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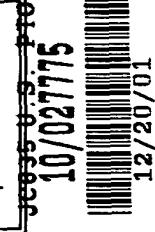
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Title: OPTICAL SWITCH

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a **CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION** under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/799,329, Prior Art Unit: Not Assigned
Filed: March 5, 2001, Prior Examiner: Not Assigned
Title: OPTICAL SWITCH
Inventors: Yukihisa TAKEUCHI, Tsutomu NANATAKI and Koji KIMURA.

2. Papers enclosed

A. Required (in JAPANESE) for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

45 Page(s) of Specification
8 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
24 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1(a)-29)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- A Patent Application Bibliographic Data
- A Preliminary Amendment
- An Information Disclosure Statement
- PTO Form-1449

3. Additional Papers to Follow Under Separate Cover

- A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

[] Priority of provisional application Serial No. _____, filed _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

Priority of said prior application Serial No. 09/799,329, filed March 5, 2001, and grandparent application Serial No. 09/749,068, filed December 27, 2000, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

[x] Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-391715	December 22, 2000
Japan	2001-056740	March 1, 2001

Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications will follow under separate cover in prior application Serial No. 09/799,329.

6. Amend the specification by inserting after the title and before the first line the sentence:

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/799,329 filed March 5, 2001, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/749,068 filed December 27, 2000, the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

7. **Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not** be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

8. **The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:**

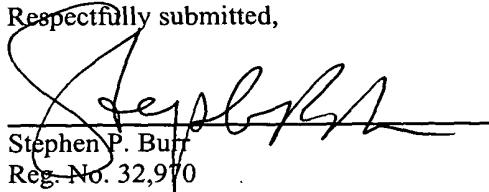
Basic Filing fee (37 CFR §1.16(a))				\$ 740.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	47 - 20 =	27	× \$ 18.00	\$ 486.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	× \$ 84.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$280.00
Surcharge fees (37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)--\$130.00)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> late payment of filing fee <i>and/or</i>				\$ 130.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> late filing of original declaration or oath (37 C.F.R. 1.16(e)--\$130.00)				
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,356.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1,356.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-English language (37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) and 1.52(d)--\$130.00)				\$ 130.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Fee (37 CFR §1.21(h)--\$40.00)				\$ 40.00
TOTAL FEES DUE =				\$ 1,526.00

FEE COMPUTATION SHEET

**9. Payment of Fees and Authorization to Charge Additional Fees
or Credit Overpayment**

A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
 Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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